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## Township Disaster Council Is Formed

Centerville — In the absence of a mayor or city council or other civil authority to formulate plans and issue orders to protect the welfare of Washington Township's 13,300 citizens, the key men of the defense activities already formed held an organizational meeting Sunday afternoon in the high school upon call of Walter Waynflete, who served as temporary chairman at the meeting.

Upon motion by Frank Dusterberry, chairman of the Township Red Cross, seconded by Jack Vieux, chief of the Township air raid observation activity which was the first in function throughout California, it was voted to organize a Township Disaster Council. The Council will be headed by a chief, and his staff will include the heads of each activity already formed, and to be formed.

noon at a meeting in the Justice Court here at 2:30 o'clock, when The Council will permanently organize next Sunday afternoon a permanent full-time chief will be elected, who will have the power to issue orders governing the safety and welfare of our large citizenry.

The men present accepted the proposal to meet regularly every Sunday afternoon at the Justice Court here to correlate the activities of air raid, firemen, special deputy police, State Guard, nurses and doctors, the Red Cross, transportation, emergency hospitalization, etc. A further duty will be to issue orders, such as non-operating of automobiles during a black-out; and to hear suggestions or complaints from the public.

Bomb squads have to be organized and trained ready to assist the organized fire departments in our several towns; ambulance service, rescue squads, resuscitation, etc. Mrs. W. L. McWhirter, chief of the emergency nurses is busy at work on first aid and hospitalization.

Waynflete also proposed that the Chief issue weekly Bulletins to the local press on Monday of each week for public information and guidance.

Next Sunday's and future meetings are not public mass meetings; however citizens who have suggestions to make or grievances to air will be heard after the Council is permanently organized.

Sign-ups will be undertaken as soon as possible of men who will serve on bomb squads, stretcher bearers, ambulance drivers, etc., for women who will assist with bedside nursing, cooking, bandage making, etc. This information will be distributed to the public as soon as the Disaster Council can reach it.

Evening High School Principal, Barton Webb is arranging to start adult night classes in first aid, bomb handling and allied activities, so soon as instructors can be found or official booklets can be had from which to give this instruction.

The Oakland Red Cross advised him last week their office is swamped with calls for competent instructors within the City of Oakland, and at present can give no outside assistance. Township residents who have advanced Red Cross certificates, or who had experience in these activities during the last war are urged to contact Mr. Webb at Centerville, and volunteer their services.

Local citizens will soon become familiar with the names of the chiefs of these different Disaster activities, and should wait and NOT volunteer their valuable services for duty outside Washington Township, to the possible neglect of their families and their means of livelihood.

We out here in Washington Township can NOT look to the Sheriff's or District Attorney's office for help here in case of disaster particularly if Oakland or the larger cities are also experiencing disasters.

Hence the urgent need for organizing and manning and training our own Disaster agencies to take care of ourselves. When you hear of an order from now on which emanates from "D.C.", the only official Township agency, you will know it is official and must be obeyed. — W.W.

Attending Sunday's hurry-up meeting were Jack Vieux, M. F. Swartz, Frank Dusterberry, M. P. Mathiesen, A. J. Petsche, Barton Webb, Clark Griffin, A. M. Alves, Lawrence Avila, Ira Bonner, Joe Mannix and the acting chairman.

— Talk, Act American! —

### THE NILES SIGN?

The executive committee of the Niles Junior Chamber of Commerce met Monday night upon call of President Ed Enos to determine what to do about painting out the white, 20-foot high letters in the NILES sign on the hillside above town. The sign is visible by day as far away as the Dumbarton bridge, and will reflect the moon at night. The board decided to refer the matter for advice to the County Civilian Defense Council and will act accordingly. Local citizens believe the sign should be painted green to match the young grass surrounding it.

## STATE GUARD IS MARKING TIME; NO MUSTER YET

The Washington Township State Guard Provisional Rifle company doubled its drill nights and extended its drill period, beginning Thursday night of last week with 77 men on the floor of the high school gymnasium from the 91 men and boys signed up.

Waynflete made some announcements after which the drill was conducted by Lieutenant J. L. Pearson of Niles, a member of the Officers Reserve Corps who is awaiting call into service and is kindly performing this duty.

Corporal James Collins and Private First Class Jesse Johnson, former drill sergeants, on active duty on the Bay Bridge since the Sunday the war started, who were dog-tired from 24 hours active duty, addressed the men. They told the men to "hit the ball" and get in as much drill as they could as quickly as they could, particularly on Guard duty.

Corporal Harry Van Horn of Niles, a member of the San Jose Guard, also just off duty from 24 hours on the Bay bridge, told the men the work was cold; an accident had occurred on the bridge costing the life of one man, and impressed the men with the seriousness of Guard duty.

Chairman Waynflete told the men he had had contact with a Major from the Adjutant General's office Wednesday night of last week via phone; and a telegram from Governor Olson. The communications advised that the State had no rifles at Sacramento; that the men could not be mustered in without uniforms; that the company would be subject to call to duty anywhere but that the need for Guards at local industrial plants working on defense orders created a peculiar local situation.

Waynflete urged the men to continue drill regularly, advised he had spent some of the company's money for an Infantry Drill manual for each man; that nothing could be done until the legislature meets in special session (the Governor indicates this will take place before Christmas) and appropriate money with which to pay the Guardsmen and (it is hoped) to provide them with uniforms, rifles and other equipment.

## TOWNSHIP GIVES \$1,477 IN 1941 RED CROSS DRIVE

On Wednesday evening, December 10, Mr. Frank T. Dusterberry who is chairman for the Red Cross Roll Call for Washington Township gave a dinner at the Belvoir Hotel in Niles to his co-workers of the Township who have just concluded the campaign for this year.

At the meeting the following amounts were submitted as having been contributed by the various communities and associations in the Township.

Alvarado	\$115.71
Centerville	375.50
Decoto	106.00
Irvington	238.00
Japanese Association	91.00
Mission San Jose	45.16
Newark	168.50
Niles	299.82
Warm Springs	37.50
Total	\$1477.19

Bill Bliss of Niles, local cannery employee, who was injured in an automobile accident on Niles Canyon on November 16 when a car wheel ran over his chest is up and around the streets of Niles. He is not yet sufficiently recovered to assume duties of any sort.

## STREET LIGHTS GO ON; DEPUTIES START PATROL

Through the efforts of A. J. Petsche, manager of the P. G. & E. in Washington Township, four of our eight communities had the use of their street lights, beginning Saturday night.

By Thursday afternoon interruptor switches had been installed on the street light circuits of our eight communities, so a responsible person could black out each town immediately an air raid warning was sounded.

The following arrangement became effective Saturday night, subject to correction and addition. At Newark the night watchman at Wedgewood is responsible for pulling the interruptor switch when an air raid warning is sounded;

At Niles Clem Donovan, special deputy; at Decoto the night watchman at the Joseph Pearce cannery company; at Centerville, Night Watchman W. W. McDonald. Monitors will be appointed in the other communities as soon as possible.

Time clocks will throw the lights on at dusk as heretofore and; the clocks, barring raid alarms, will extinguish the lights automatically somewhere around daylight.

Some of the 90 volunteer

sheriff's deputies began their night patrol on Saturday night. One car, containing two men from Niles covered four communities from 6 p. m. to 2 a. m. Another car with two deputies from Centerville covered the other four communities for the same period of time. These men were not carrying arms and await receipt of their identification cards, probably at the special meeting in Alvarado Monday night.

After that they will be armed, and a patrol will probably be established by deputies who live in each community, for each community. It is expected these deputies will be authorized to enforce air-raid blackout precautions.

## SECOND AIR RAID WARNING FRIDAY EVE

The second air raid alarm since the war began hit the San Francisco "target area," of which Washington Township is a part, on Friday evening at 7:50 o'clock. Persons out-of-doors at the time could hear the wail of warning sirens from communities on the west side of the bay, picked up at Newark, carried through Irvington and Centerville to Niles, in almost continuous succession.

In less time than it takes to tell our communities were blacked out, and it was a real black-out this time. The citizens' hearts were in it, and if a neighbor had a light burning somewhere he soon heard about it.

A group of citizens stationed themselves at the Sullivan underpass with flashlights and flagged down cars coming in from Highway 17, had them pull to the curb and black-out.

Five minutes before the alarm sounded two cars came together outside the Union station, one car driving too fast west on the Nursery road, the other swooping into Niles through the underpass. Louis DiGiulio of the American Garage was at work preparing to tow the two damaged machines into his garage nearby when the blackout occurred. With the aid of willing bystanders and flashlights the cars were run into his garage. DiGiulio drove a 12 year old girl home a couple of blocks with no lights on his car and when he returned to his garage to lock up he said "Never again! No more driving without lights." The girl was only shaken and scared and no one was hurt.

Southern Pacific trains which had got the alarm came into town without lights, although it took 15 minutes to get word to a Western Pacific switch engine which was at work south of town. (Engineers have been notified to watch out for blacked-out towns as they run along, and to black out accordingly, according to a railway employee.)

At 10:10 p. m. the welcome "all clear" signal of one long blast sounded and the town sprang to life again. The only lights provided in restaurants and bars filled with customers when the warning first sounded, emanated from the flash-light bulbs in radio sets. Citizens took it upon themselves to enforce the blackout and a good job was done. We will have proper authorities doing this job soon.

### CORRESPONDENTS

Regular correspondents of The Township Register will please function as usual, giving particular emphasis to organization of disaster or defense activities in their towns, and OMITTING sending in reports of one day or shorter visits from relatives or friends living near-by. Please report any untoward event, such as accidents during blackouts. News of the welfare of men in the Armed Forces is especially desired. Thank you. — Ye ed.

— Drive slower, save gas! —

### DISASTER CREW

NEWARK — A disaster and first aid crew has been organized at the California Chemical company's plant here with a crew of 30 volunteers. The unit has regular stretchers, bucket stretchers and first aid equipment. It is hoped other industrial plants in this Township will organize similar crews, ready for call not only in their own plants, but in neighboring plants in case of disaster. The high school authorities at Centerville are trying to secure instructors for persons volunteering for this type of work, as well as for interested civilians.

## DOCTORS, NURSES BUSY AT WORK FOR EMERGENCIES

CENTERVILLE — The Township doctors and nurses are rapidly organizing under the leadership of Mrs. W. L. McWhirter here, Mrs. E. C. Grau at Niles, and other doctors' wives in other communities, to prepare nursing staffs, emergency hospitalization arrangements; bedside nursing, etc.

The first large first-aid unit was brought to the health center in Centerville Friday by the Township Chapter, Red Cross, and its contents are being duplicated so that a similar cabinet may be set up in each schoolhouse in our district for Community Disaster use, Mrs. McWhirter advises this newspaper.

The Junior Red Cross at the high school has volunteered to roll bandages from material purchased Friday by Red Cross Chairman Dusterberry.

Other correlated nursing and first aid activities are being organized, with class instruction to be provided, as fast as the Doctors and Nurses group can arrange it. The services of many Township women will be required on the several staffs to be organized, regarding which announcements will be made in an early issue.

The Legion Hall at Niles has been selected as the central emergency hospitalization point, with its ample cooking, heating, refrigeration and sanitary facilities.

### NEXT PAPERS FRIDAYS

By reason of this Extra issue out Tuesday, the next regular issue of The Township Register will be in the mails this Friday afternoon instead of Thursday, as usual. As Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on the coming Thursdays, and the Niles postoffice will be closed those days, the next three issues of this newspaper will be mailed at Niles Friday instead of Thursday. Subscribers living in other towns of the Township will receive their usual copies on Saturday mornings. Persons having vital news for Township-wide dissemination are urged to USE THE TOWNSHIP REGISTER for their purposes.

## Coming Events

### TODAY (Tuesday)

8 p.m. Annual Christmas party, Legion Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Juniors in Memorial Building, Niles.

### WEDNESDAY

2 p.m. Niles church Guild party cancelled.

### THURSDAY

3 p.m. Toyon Berries dance program at Niles Grammar school. (Advanced from tonight.)

2 p.m. Y.L.I. Christmas party and official visit at Irvington advanced from tonight.

8 p.m. Alvarado Chamber meets at schoolhouse. Organize Scout troop at Alvarado.

2 p.m. Annual students Christmas party at Irvington Grammar School.

2 p.m. Niles Y.L.I. annual Christmas party at Odd Fellows hall. Future meeting hour may be advanced to afternoons.

### FRIDAY

Christmas party of Niles Rebekahs. I.D.E.S. whist party at Mission San Jose.

— Read the Editorials! —

A tenth-century stone altar from Brittany stands in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral.

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## OBEY THE LAW

Two flagrant examples of disobedience to the law occurred Friday evening at Niles during the second air raid black-out. One local businessman, who certainly should know better, drove home with his car's lights on, long after the black-out started. When ordered by two groups of air raid observers to pull to the curb, black-out his car, and walk home, a distance of only two blocks, he flatly refused to comply. A state law was announced that same day that now and hereafter prohibits anybody except official emergency vehicles, driving anywhere at all with lights on, during a black-out. The above citizen may have to learn the hard way.

The second violation occurred when the first show was out at the Niles Theatre. As the patrons emerged through the dimly-lighted foyer Manager "Bill" Helm stood at the door and warned his patrons a blackout was on, NOT to light their car lights, and if they did drive, to drive, blacked-out, at only 10 miles per hour.

One fellow, a little smarter than the rest, tore away from the curb with lights blazing, disregarding shouts from pedestrians on the curb, and went tearing out the Nursery road at high speed. He just missed piling into the cars standing at the Union Station gate, many of them having been stopped still in the line of traffic. The law will soon catch up with these wise citizens who feel they have special privilege — at the expense of safety to the general public.

This is WAR emergency. — w.w.

— Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps —

The dark skies and heavy rains of the first weekend of the war were definitely a God-send — if enemy planes are lurking about. The Japs sure chose a poor time of year to start their war. . . and the broad Pacific can kick up an awful fuss during storms. Luck is with U.S. so far.

### BAD CESS TO OVERSEAS CAPS!

Your editor and probably ten million other soldiers and ex-soldiers would like to meet the guy who invented the cute little overseas cap . . . and make him wear it in a rainstorm!

During the last war, after training through a hot summer at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania we discarded our adequate campaign hats (with brims and identifying service cords) and our Tank Corps outfit went overseas with the cute little beanies on. The creases on these caps serve to gutter the rain exactly down your nose in front, and down the nape of your neck in back.

Everyone thought of the State Guardsmen doing duty on the Bay bridges during the soaking rains of Saturday night and Sunday, wearing only these overseas caps. The regular troops had their serviceable steel helmets which are the ultimate in rain protection.

The situation is so acute local radio stations on Sunday broadcast an appeal for ex-service men to donate their "tin hats" for the use of the soaked Guardsmen.

The Army and Navy store in San Francisco used to have large stocks of suitable Army clothing . . . Seems some rich people might buy up their stock of steel helmets — if any; and donate them to the cold and tired Guardsmen.

. . . and when was the last Extra edition of a local newspaper published in Washington Township? Was it during the last war, the Spanish American War . . . or when? Please advise!

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## Editorial Page of the Township Register

### The Farmer Builds A Bulwark!



### MAKE A BLACKOUT ROOM!

If these persnickety air-raid alarms are to occur frequently, as well they may, it behooves private citizens to select a room in their homes farthest from the street which can be permanently (or quickly) blacked-out by means of canvas or other heavy curtaining hooked over the windows. A 25 watt bulb can be burned in a shaded desk lamp — just so not a glow of light can be seen from the street — so householders can have light enough to play cards or do something to pass the time while waiting for the "all-clear."

Sitting around for hours early in the evening with no light but the pilot light from your radio, with nothing to do but listen to Mexican radio stations is going to become a bit tedious — if we have much more of this: as we most probably will.

The enemy has not struck yet. He has made three reconnaissance flights over the San Francisco target area the first week of the war, the Fourth Interceptor Command admits. It is to be expected the major military objectives like Mare Island Navy Yard or the big bridges here in the north; the airplane plants in the south will be the first bomb targets. However, when enemy bombers are chased off from their targets they just may drop their bomb loads "anywhere" in order to get away quicker . . . so we have to be prepared everywhere.

Quoting the Oakland Tribune of last Thursday: "There still was no explanation of the flares that were reported dropped during the same (Wednesday a.m.) air raid alarms. The Army air command refused to talk about them, except to say that THEY DIDN'T COME FROM AMERICAN SHIPS."

Says Walter Winchell: "Join the Navy and FREE the World!" — Very good, Walt!

— Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps —

### WHERE IS THE ENEMY BASED?

A good deal of speculation exists as to where the enemy planes, repeated visits of which have caused almost nightly black-outs in the San Francisco "target area" (which includes the 50 mile triangle, north to Santa Rosa, east to Livermore, south to San Jose) during the first week of the war.

Are they on carriers at sea? Have not our patrol bombers been able to locate them? An employee of the Mare Island Navy yard told Niles friends a damaged air-craft carrier was towed into the Yard during the week — nationality not given. It might have been one of the English carriers lately damaged. Meantime the famous grapevine telegraph clicks along.

One local man suggests the enemy is assembling and launching dismantled airplanes from submarines which come to the surface at night. Anything is possible with our diabolical enemy.

A more logical possibility is that the enemy has long ago established his coveted airbases in the sparsely-populated waste places of Baja, California. This is less than 100 miles from San Diego and only 600 or 700 miles from San Francisco.

The Mexican government has dispatched one of its 60,000 regular troops through Arizona and California into Lower California, to try and find out.

### LEGION POST AUTHORIZES FORMING DISASTER COUNCIL

A Township-wide Disaster Council, to co-ordinate under a central head all diversified defense activities in Washington Township was authorized at last Wednesday night's meeting of the Township American Legion Post at Niles.

Upon motion by Arthur Cotton, Newark, seconded by George Smith, Decoto, the membership voted unanimously for the chairman of the Post's national defense committee, Walter Waynflete, to go ahead. His committee consists of Comrades M. F. Swarts, Houghton and Roderick. Commander Sam Scott authorized Waynflete to add or change the membership of his committee as the best interests of the community required.

Post Medical Officer Dr. W. L. McWhirter immediately reported that the doctors and nurses of the Township were already organizing, had held several meetings, had designated Mrs. McWhirter chairman of this activity in Centerville, Dr. Grau in Niles, with other communities to be added to the list. He said the group selected schoolhouses in their communities as assembly-places in case of emergency call.

Jack Vieux reported the four air raid observation posts in the Township started up Sunday afternoon, the day the war started, and were functioning efficiently on a 24 hour basis, through local civilian volunteers, both men and women; and that the Township group had secured commendation for their early effectiveness from Defense authorities.

Past Commander Ray Peterson, chairman of the recent State Guard dance, sponsored by the local Legion post, reported the dance a grand success and thanked all those co-operating. Dance Treasurer Waynflete reported nearly \$400 clear in the State January.

— Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps —

We used to refer to the Japs as the "Yellow race" and the "Yellow peril." . . Their fleet refused battle in the Philippines a few days ago; perhaps this familiar color adjective will have a new application as the war proceeds?

### HOW IT HAPPENED AT HONOLULU

Day is dawning on the "Pearl of the Pacific." The sun is peeping over world-famous Koko Point and Diamond Head . . . and only in languorous Hawaii can day dawn with such effulgence. There is a tangible languor in the air, everything soft and sleepy.

Sailors from the fleet, soldiers from the military reservations, officers and aviators mostly on leave in Honolulu, — sound asleep. Sailors and soldiers on duty afloat and ashore also asleep, outside of routine night guards. Reveille has not yet sounded.

### BOO-O-O-MMM . . . . .!

The first bomb falls from a clear, sun-lit sky, without warning and the peace and security of a hundred years is shattered. It does not dawn on anybody what's up.

BOOO-O-O-MMMM . . . ! The first torpedo plies into the vitals of a sleepy war-vessel. Thirty seconds later, another BOOO-O-MM Another vessel is hit. And so on.

What can men do? The depth charges are locked up in storage and the men are ashore on leave. Pandemonium breaks loose.

. . . And there's what happened in Honolulu that fateful dawn of Sunday, December 7, 1941. No warning. Men not at battle stations, nor even on duty.

The Japs strike again and are off. Thus have they used the greatest weapon of war: the element of surprise.

There is no need for congressional investigations, nor non-military congressmen trying to attach blame to any army or navy officer in Hawaii. A military and naval accident happened — just as we civilians have highway accident every day. (God — or the devil — plan them. We humans don't!)

Such is war. — W.W.

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**INSPIRING PAGEANT**

**CENTERVILLE** — Township citizens got their minds off the war for a brief hour Sunday evening when the usual beautiful Christmas pageant was presented at the high school auditorium, the first performance at 5:30 and the second at 7:30 p. m. The costuming, stage settings and lighting effects were breath-taking and a large chorus of mixed voices sang appropriate accomplishment to the Biblical scenes depicted.

**LEGION MEN TO COOPERATE IN DEFENSE WORK**

**OAKLAND** — American Legion officers of the 20-odd Posts in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties assembled in Oakland Sunday morning at 10 o'clock upon call of the District Commander, who advised the group as follows:

National orders were that, in this emergency, through lack of public funds Legion Posts would not be sponsoring organizations for Community Disaster work;

That Red Cross chapters, having public funds available, had been designated as official agencies, with whom Legion men were urged to work as individuals, rather than as organizations;

That Legion men were warned NOT to register for emergency duty when such duty would leave their families without means of support;

That Legion men themselves should warn others NOT to sign up more than once, nor for more than one activity; if a man signs up for bomb squad work he cannot also function as a stretcher bearer or ambulance driver, etc.

Legion men were urged to work in their own communities where their services could be put to maximum use.

Attending from Washington Township Town Posts were Commander Sam Scott, Adjutant Frank Veit, Past Commander Ray Peterson. Other officers attending were H. F. Chadbourne, A. E. Francis, John Amaral and Walter Wayne-flete.

**WILD PIGEONS REPORTED IN MONTEREY COUNTY**

In Alameda and Contra Costa counties northern flights of blue-bills and canvasbacks are coming in and hunting is improving. Striped bass fishing in San Pablo and San Francisco bays is only fair. Quail are well scattered in the Oakland hills. Waterfowl hunting on the lower San Francisco Bay still is only fair, but it is slowly improving, with golden-eyes and bluebills coming in well. Rabbit hunting has been poor. Duck conditions are slightly improved in Santa Clara County where there are many new rafts of sprig and bluebills. Very few wild pigeons have shown near San Jose as yet.

The outlook for pigeon shooting is poor in Santa Cruz County. Good tidewater steelhead fishing is expected in the San Lorenzo River area opening December 1. In Monterey County duck hunting is poor, with local birds scattered and no new birds coming in. There are thousands of wild pigeons in the Cachagua district. They also may be found in the Upper Garrapatas, Palo Colorado, Boucher Gap and Cold Springs districts.

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**LOCAL PHOTO SHOWS MANY PIONEER MEN**

F. T. Dusterberry possesses a framed picture taken in the 70's of some 40 pioneers who lived in what was then Contra Costa County, and is now Alameda County. The new county was created on March 23, 1852, and no man could belong to the Pioneers Society of Washington, Eden and Pleasanton Townships who did not reside in this district prior to early 1852.

Mr. Dusterberry's own father, Henry Dusterberry, as well as the progenitors of many families still living hereabouts, are in the picture along with George Patterson, Howard Overacker, father of Justus Overacker, present president of the board of trustees at Washington High School; W. H. Tyson, Perry Morrison, after whom Morrison Canyon was named, where the Robert Blacows and others now have their homes;

L. E. Osgood, former county assessor, and a forbear of the Witherleys, and many others. Every man in the picture wears elaborate hirsute adornments, — whiskers to you!

The fine photograph was taken at Dry Creek, near where the Masonic Home now stands. This was the former site for public picnic gatherings of that period. The picture is one of Mr. Dusterberry's valued possessions of early Alameda County days.

**REPORT REVEALS COUNTY SPENDS \$72.26 PER CAPITA**

Local government in Alameda county spent \$72.26 for each and every man, woman and child in the county in 1939-40, a report of costs of local governments in California counties, made at the fifteenth semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of California Taxpayers' association in San Francisco today shows. Subventions and grants from the federal and state governments are included in these figures, it was pointed out.

Total expenditures by the local governments in the county amounted to \$37,068,217 during the year it was reported. Of this, the county government spent \$11,790,676; the cities in the county, \$11,459,798; school districts throughout the county, \$13,354,145; county special districts, \$343,847; and city special districts, \$119,751.

Local government expenditures throughout California increased 42 per cent in the five years between 1934-35 and 1939-40, the report shows, going from \$389,000,000 in 1934-35 to \$552,000,000 in 1939-40. State expenditures during the same period went up 34 per cent, going from \$166,000,000 to \$223,000,000.

— Talk, Act American! —

**THREE BIRTHDAYS**

**TENNYSON** — Sunday was a day of gaiety in the Lang residence here when a tri-part birthday celebration was held during the afternoon honoring E. G. Glassbrook of Niles, his son Clarence and a friend, Larry Wilson, all of whom had birthdays on Sunday or dates near thereto.

**NILES LOCALS**

Miss Rosemary McDonald  
Correspondent

W. T. Lindsay got caught in Livermore last Friday night during the second air raid alarm of the week. He and others had just finished Scout business at a restaurant which whooshed them out into the street and locked up when the alarm sounded. "Bill" spent the two hours and forty minutes wrapped up in a blanket in his car.

Mrs. Nell Myers had to spend two and a half hours waiting in her car during the black-out of Friday night, when the alarm sounded while she was driving to Oakland to pick up her husband, who is a State Guardsman on the Bay Bridge. He was coming to their Niles home to get a few hours sleep, which he subsequently did not get, because of the raid alarm.

The new automatic pump installed in the Sullivan Underpass at Niles by the county road department did valiant work Saturday night and Sunday, taking adequate care of the large run-off of rain waters.

Reverend Richard C. Day of Niles left his sister's home in Berkeley over the weekend and went by Streamliner to a married daughter's home in Pasadena, where he plans to spend the holidays.

Black-out curtains have been put up in the City of Florence Restaurant and the banquet room and other windows have been painted black, so they can conduct business as usual during black-outs.

**MORE PLANTING OF GUAYULE RUBBER FAVORED**

The Monterey County Farm Bureau has gone on record favoring legislation to provide the planting of 45,000 acres of guayule rubber. Fred J. Hart, secretary, has left for Washington, D. C., to push this legislation.

Hart said, "with only a limited supply of rubber on hand, and the possibility of our future supply from the Orient being shut off, we must look either toward synthetics or the production of guayule rubber in this country".

successful in 105 different places

Guayule rubber has been proven from Red Bluff to the Herbert Hoover ranch in Kern County and along the coast from Salinas to San Diego.

**WRAP GIFTS**

The Child Welfare club of Washington Township wrapped Christmas gifts for less-fortunate child-

**DRAFT BOARDS GIVEN CREDIT FOR NAVY RECRUITS**

"Secretary Knox of the Navy Department has announced that local communities are given credit for each Naval recruit and that local Selective Service quotas are reduced accordingly," said Judge Allen G. Norris, head of the local draft board, yesterday.

"Every young man who joins the Navy or Naval Reserve thus helps to fill our local Selective Service quota. Young men within Selective Service age limits who have not been deferred would do well to consider the opportunities the U. S. Navy offers for specialized training and advancement while serving their country in its emergency.

"The age limits for the regular Navy are 17 to 31, and for the Naval Reserve the limits are 17 to 50. All applicants under 21 must have the written consent of their parents or guardians."

In addition to explaining that Navy enlistments are credited against the local Selective Service quota, Judge Norris also stated that a high school education is not necessary for acceptance by the Navy. "Any ambitious and patriotic young man of average mentality and good character who meets physical and other requirements may be acceptable to help man Uncle Sam's new 'Two-Ocean' Navy."

**DEFENSE BOND QUIZ**

Q. I cannot find the word "Defense" anywhere on the Defense Savings Stamps I have bought. Are they merely Postal Savings Stamps, or does my money invested in these Stamps go into the Defense Program?

A. The money you use to purchase these Stamps goes definitely into the Defense Program. The Stamps bear the words "America on Guard," which indicates that they are an integral part of the Defense Program.

Q. What is the Treasury's purpose in putting Defense Savings Stamps on sale in retail stores throughout the nation?

A. To make it as easy as possible for Americans everywhere to buy these stamps, which, as everyone knows, may be exchanged at many post offices and banks for Defense Savings Bonds.

ren Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Howard Chadbourne at Centerville.

**NOTICE**

A new office of the **HENRY MILLER CLEANING SERVICE** and the **NILES CLEANERS** has been opened at 156 S. Main Street (Next to the Library) **CENTERVILLE**

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**FOR RENT**  
SIX ROOM HOUSE, furnished up Niles Canyon. Apply Rees Drug Store, Niles. — 48c

**FURNISHED CABINS** — Twin Palms Auto Court 1 mile south on Mission San Jose Highway. Phone Niles 214W — 41 3p

**Dead Stock Wanted**

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The Niles Postoffice on Saturday set up the first Christmas tree to be seen in Niles places of business. Nice trees have been standing on the curb outside markets in town for the past several days.

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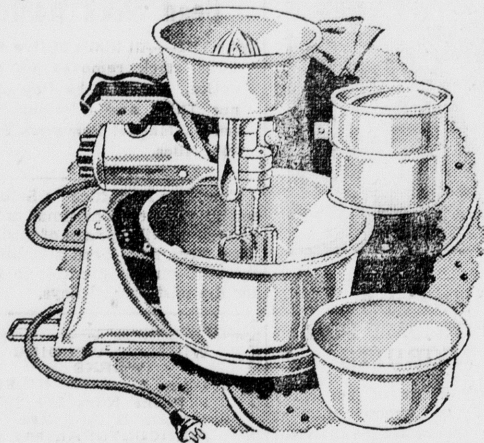
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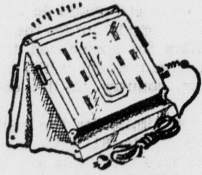


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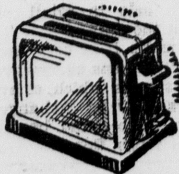


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# LOCAL BULLETINS

## THURSDAY

Westvaco officials contact Army to secure armed guards for plant. Pacific States Steel contacts Navy to get armed guards for their plants. None available up to Saturday.

Complaint made that farm residents do not darken their windows at night. Little attention paid to Niles first air-raid warning early Wednesday morning by farm dwellers within hearing distance of the town's fire siren. When you hear the siren, DARKEN DOWN instead of lighting up.

Doctors, registered and practical nurses of Township met at Dr. W. L. McWhirter's office in Centerville and designated schoolhouses as assembly places in the several communities. in case of disaster. Met again today.

Township fire chiefs and firemen met in Centerville last night to receive personal instructions from Sheriff Gleason re standardizing air raid alarms. (Correct signals published in last issue Township Register.)

Township-wide Disaster Council authorized at Legion meeting. National Defense Chairman Waynelette authorized to proceed. (Details in another column of this issue.)

Niles group of Sheriff's deputies met in Water Company's office at Niles. E. G. Glassbrook, Niles chairman. Group awaits identification cards and insignia. Niles group consists of Glassbrook, chairman; Fred Duffie, Jack Parry, Henry Enos, William Helm, Leon Solon, Everett Mendenhall and E. D. Bristow. Township group includes 90 deputies already sworn in. Don Bates, Centerville is Township chairman of this group. Township group under orders Deputy Sheriff Douglas Webb, Hayward.

4 p. m. P. G. & E. installs interrupter switches on street light circuits in our eight communities so local communities can have street lights except when warnings sound. Civilian monitors being appointed.

89 men in State Guard company hold extra night's drill at Centerville with Lieutenant J. L. Pearson in charge of drill.

Evening High School Principal Barton Webb begins arrangements for civilian first aid classes at High school. To be open to firemen, nurses and all civilians. women in particular. Instruction to cover first aid, incendiary bomb management, what to do in case of gas. Reported in full in another issue.

## FRIDAY

Several days of God-sent high fog clouds and waning moon turn into good rain at noon. Week of cold weather warms up a little.

Pacific States Steel negotiating for armed guards from U. S. Navy.

DEPUTY PATROL — A patrol of the Township's 90 new sheriff's deputies is to go on duty from 6 p. m. to 2 a. m. in each of Washington Township's eight communities, beginning Saturday night, according to local members.

Arrangements being made by A. J. Petsche, Niles, manager of PG&E facilities in Washington Township, for use of street lights in our eight communities nightly from dusk to daylight.

Special meeting of Township deputies called for Alvarado school at 8 p. m. Sheriff Gleason or a representative present.

F. T. Dusterberry, chairman Township. Red. Cross, today brought down from Oakland a full first aid outfit, including stretchers and bandages to be rolled. Frank Rose provided his truck. This equipment is now set up in the health center at Centerville.

Governor will call a special session of the legislature, probably before Christmas, to appropriate \$40,000,000, mostly for State Guard use, radio reports.

## SATURDAY

No long distance telephone calls permitted during black-outs: lines must be kept open for military use.

A large corps of armed civilian guards from Pleasanton and Livermore was established several days ago on Calaveras Dam and the spillway; men now on the payroll of the San Francisco Water District.

## FOR SALE

Desirable building lots in the Ford extension, right in Niles. See Mrs. J. R. Whipple, Phone Niles 7. I write insurance.

## FRED DUFFIE HAS EXCITING TIME IN S. F. ALARM

### FLARES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN FALL DURING TRIPLE AIR WARNINGS

(Special to the Register)

Fred H. Duffie, Southern Alameda County agricultural inspector was called to San Francisco to inspect plants and trees arriving on the S. S. Lurline due in from Honolulu at 7:30 on Tuesday night of last week. He had a chance to watch the third night of black-out effort in the metropolitan center.

He said the bay bridge was guarded by soldiers and State Guardsmen with fixed bayonets, and the entire waterfront was heavily guarded. The arriving vessel was late. He cruised around until the first air raid warning caught him on a ramp to the bridge. All cars stopped; lights went out and soldiers stopped motorists from getting out of their cars. They were lined up for a long distance, and waited for some time for the chance to proceed.

It took the second alarm before the bay bridge lights went off. The lights in Oakland and Berkeley winked off little by little. He said by early morning the third warning sounded, and it was a hummer. Finally the whole area was blacked out; no traffic moved and for once in a life-time there was no noise of traffic in San Francisco. He said it gave one an eerie feeling.

The Lurline finally came in the Golden Gate about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, also blacked out.

Then Duffie said his hair stood on end as blue flares of unknown origin dropped out of the skies and burned wherever they lit, for about half a minute.

(Obviously our own planes would not be dropping flares over blacked-out San Francisco.)

Just before the Lurline docked at 4:30 a. m. the "all clear" sounded and the passengers on the vessel yelled for joy to find they were in San Francisco. They had had no word of the fate of their friends in Hawaii since they had left there five days previously.

Inspector Duffie said he had to identify himself down to his last ancestor in order to get through the cordon of military guards so he could board the vessel and make his inspection of plants and trees coming into California.

## EBRIGHT GETS FROM ONE TO 14 YEARS

His motion for a new trial denied. O. W. Ebright of Niles, former deputy sheriff Monday, December 8 was sentenced to from one to 14 years in San Quentin Prison by Superior Judge Edward J. Tyrell on a bribery charge.

The former veteran peace officer, who was convicted of accepting a \$100 bribe from the proprietor of an alleged house of ill fame at Decoto, started serving his sentence last week. His attorney, Leo Sullivan, announced that the case would be appealed.

Clarence Silva, owner of the hotel, who was convicted with Ebright will appear December 22nd for report on his probation plea. Ebright was not eligible for parole owing to the fact he was a peace officer.

## FINE SERVICE

A fine morning worship service was held Sunday morning at the Niles Congregational Church with Elder W. T. Lindsay officiating. Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, a deacon of the First Congregational Church in Berkeley delivered a fine layman's address on "Hidden Springs." Dr. Harley Gill, chairman of the Northern California Conference will conduct the services here next Sunday morning, with the annual Children's Christmas party to be held at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting Monday noon in the City of Florence Restaurant and accepted the suggestion of the president, Dr. T. C. Wilson that the body take no voluntary defense action until requested to co-operate by some other defense body. Waynelette explained the new Disaster Council set-up now underway for Township disaster control.

## TOO SPEED DEFENSE TRAFFIC



As part of Southern Pacific's far-reaching program to speed defense traffic, the railroad is spending nearly \$300,000 in enlarging engine house turntables at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tracy, Eugene and Tucson.

The longer tables capable of more rapid handling of longer engines and tenders, will materially cut the time necessary to move locomotives into and out of engine houses.

Picture shows workmen replacing the old 80-foot turntable at the Bayshore engine house in San Francisco with one 110 feet long. The new girder-type table is being moved by cranes along the old deck-type table before removal of the latter. The new table was then set to one side on the cribbing visible at right, the old table pulled out of the pit, and the new one placed in position. The entire job was completed in less than eight hours, with little delay to operations.

## WAR JUMPS SALE OF DEFENSE BONDS THROUGHOUT STATE

Californians are rushing to buy bonds in increasing numbers in a desire to help the defense effort, according to figures just made available by the Bank of America.

In the week before the Japanese attack on Hawaii, sales of the bonds through the bank's branches throughout the state were averaging \$1,000,000 per day.

Beginning with the Monday following Japan's aggression, facilities of the bank had to be expanded to cope with demands as citizens appeared to buy bonds.

Following figures for the first four days of the week show how sales are showing a daily uptrend:

Monday, \$188,000.  
Tuesday, \$237,000.  
Wednesday, \$262,000.  
Thursday, \$313,000.

Bank officials announced today that all branches were well equipped to meet all demands without undue delay to purchasers.

## SCHOOL OPERETTA AT CENTERVILLE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

CENTERVILLE — The Centerville Elementary school students will present their Christmas operetta, "In Quest of Santa Claus," on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 2:00 o'clock in the Centerville Elementary school auditorium instead of on Friday evening as originally planned, according to Principal Thomas Maloney.

There will be no admission charge and the general public is most cordially invited to attend.

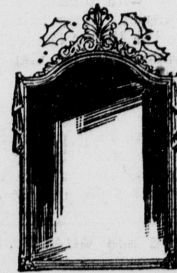
## USE LOCAL PAPERS

Persons working in key positions in defense activities throughout Washington Township are urged to use the Township newspapers for the dissemination of information to the public. The Township Register published a Tuesday Extra today, as a public service.

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